

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2675 - HB 2836

February 6, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a regional transportation authority in Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Roane, Sevier and Union counties. Outlines makeup and duties of authority's board and powers of the authority.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Other Fiscal Impact - The regional transportation authority created by this bill will experience an increase in revenues from grant funds obtained from the federal and possibly the state governments and contributions from member local governments which may include the local assessment and an increase in expenditures which depends on the extent the authority exercises the powers provided in the bill. Once the authority is established and programs undertaken, these increases are estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Estimate assumes:

- it is unclear whether the authorization to establish a local assessment to be paid by local government members of a transportation authority provided for in Title 64, Chapter 8, Section 1 pertaining to the regional transportation authority in middle Tennessee extends to the authority created by the bill. If such assessment is authorized and set at the minimum rate of 10 cents per capita, it would result in an increase in local government expenditures to the member local governments of approximately \$84,000 should all counties choose to participate.
- an increase in local government expenditures to the extent activities of the board require contributions from local governments toward the cost of transit service.
- the authority will be eligible for federal grants and may also be eligible for state transportation funds to provide a match to obtain federal dollars.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director